GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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INCREASING DURATION OF NEWS ON DD/AIR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated to increase the duration of news on Doordarshan and Akashvani;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many kind of disturbances occur during news time on Doordarshan and Akashvani;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to look into the matter, particularly of Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)&(b): Prasar Bharati has informed that the increase in duration of news on Doordarshan and Akashvani from time to time depends on the newsfall and availability of transmission time, other resources and infrastructure facilities.

(c), (d) & (e): Generally there is no disturbance during the news time of Doordarshan and Akashvani. However, occasionally radio bulletins get affected due to atmospheric disturbances, which is unavoidable.